

**APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS
SCDNR YOUTH DEER HUNTS - 2007
MEADWESTVACO – WALWORTH**

The South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR) in cooperation with MeadWestvaco will conduct two youth deer hunts at the company's Walworth Farms tract in Orangeburg County. The youth deer hunts are scheduled on November 3 and December 1. There will be eight youth participating in each hunt. Walworth Farms is managed under MeadWestvaco's Ecosystem Based Forestry Program to produce wood fiber for mills and to provide opportunity for the multiple uses on forestland. The property is approximately 3900 acres in size, 1800 acres of the tract are in MeadWestvaco's Recreational Leasing Program and the remaining 2100 acres consist of a MeadWestvaco Public Relations hunting area. Since the early 1990's, all 3900 acres have been under a Quality Deer Management Program. The three and half year old deer on Walworth will generally weigh 180 pounds with at least eight points and a antler spread of 18 inches. SCDNR would like to thank MeadWestvaco for providing this potentially great hunting experience for sixteen youths here in South Carolina.

Sportsmen's children are certainly welcome to apply for the hunts, but are encouraged to bring another youth who has never been deer hunting or has very limited hunting experience. One of the best ways to recruit new youth hunters is through their friends and family that already participate in hunting activities. We support youth sportsmen in encouraging one or more of their friends, who do not hunt, to apply for our youth hunt. DNR especially want to introduce these new hunters to the challenges, thrills and enjoyment associated with hunting. Equally important, we want to make sure this introduction is done safely and ethically. Both youth sportsmen and new hunters, who wish to apply for these hunts must fully complete and return an application that includes a questionnaire about their hunting experience and a completed liability wavier form. Their legal guardian must sign both the application and liability wavier form.

All DNR Youth Deer Hunts will be on Saturday afternoons and will conclude at sunset. At each hunt, there will be a brief discussion of deer biology and the role of hunting in wildlife management along with detailed comments regarding sportsmanship and hunter ethics. There will be a thorough review of firearms safety. More detailed instructions and directions to the hunt sites will be provided to applicants who are selected based on a random drawing. If parents have further questions regarding safety, supervision, etc., please contact Willie Simmons, DNR Wildlife Biologist at 803-734-3898 or E-mail SimmonsW@dnr.sc.gov.

The age requirements for these special youth deer hunts are 10 through 17, inclusive. There is no application fee or any other costs associated with these hunts. Participants who are 16 and 17 will be required to have a hunting license. Young people who have an interest in trying deer hunting but have not had previous opportunities because they lacked a hunting connection should certainly apply. Applications are available from the Columbia DNR Office or the DNR website at www.dnr.state.sc.us. Applications can also be copied. Completed applications must be received at the Columbia DNR Office by 5:00 p. m. on Friday, October 26, 2007 for the hunts. Good luck!

**RETURN TO: SCDNR – YOUTH DEER HUNTS
Attn: Willie Simmons
P.O. Box 167
Columbia, SC 29202
(803) 734-3898 OR FAX (803) 734-6020**

**SCDNR YOUTH DEER HUNT APPLICATION - 2007
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YOUTH NAME _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____ AGE _____
ADDRESS _____ CITY, STATE _____ ZIP _____
DAYTIME TELEPHONE _____

SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY YOUTH (Please answer all questions)

1. Have you ever hunted any of the wildlife species listed below?
Circle: Dove Quail Rabbit Squirrel Turkey Deer Other None
2. Who has taken you hunting in the past?
Circle: No one Father Mother Relative Friend
3. How many times have you gone deer hunting?
Circle: Never 1 to 3 4 or more Frequently
4. Have you ever attended a DNR Co-Sponsored youth hunt?
Circle: Yes No
5. Have you ever killed a deer?
Circle: Yes No
6. Name and telephone number of "new hunter" you are bringing or sponsoring.
Name _____ Telephone _____

(Note: "New hunters" must also complete and submit an application)

SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN (Please answer all questions)

1. Do you participate in hunting?
Circle: Yes No
2. Do you have or could you obtain a suitable firearm for your youngster to use during this hunt? Circle: Yes No
3. Do you want to sit in the stand with your youngster on this hunt?
Circle: Yes No

NOTE - The appropriate signatures acknowledges that the youth's parents or legal guardians grant permission for their youth to participate in this special youth deer hunt as described in this announcement. Please **circle** (one) date that you would like to attend a youth deer hunt at **MeadWestvaco – Walworth.**

11-3-07

12-1-07

Youth Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

***** Applications must be received at the Columbia DNR Office by 5:00 p. m. on Friday, October 19, 2007, to be eligible for the drawing. *****

LIABILITY WAIVER FORM

I understand that there are risks and dangers inherent in participating in hunting activities. I also understand that in order to be allowed to participate, I must give up my rights to hold liable the State of South Carolina and its agency the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources and all cooperating hosts, sponsors and landowners who accommodate special DNR hunts for any injury or damage which I may suffer while participating in a Department of Natural Resources draw hunt.

Knowing this, and in consideration of being permitted to participate, I hereby voluntarily release the State of South Carolina and its agency the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources and cooperating hosts, sponsors and landowners from any liability resulting from or arising out of my participation in the draw hunt.

I understand and agree that I am releasing not only the entities set forth in the two paragraphs above, but also the officers, agents, and employees of those entities.

I understand and agree that this release will have the effect of releasing, discharging, waiving, and forever relinquishing any and all actions or causes of action that I may have or have had, whether past, present, or future, whether known or unknown, and whether anticipated or unanticipated by me, arising out of my participation. This release constitutes a complete release, discharge, and waiver of any and all actions or causes of action against the State of South Carolina and its agency the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources, and its officers, agents, or employees and cooperating hosts, sponsors and landowners.

I understand and agree that this release applies to personal injury, property damage, or wrongful death, which I may suffer, even if caused by the acts or omissions of others.

I understand and agree that by signing this release, I am assuming full responsibility for any and all risk of death or personal injury or property damage suffered by me while participating in the draw hunt.

I understand that and agree that this release will be binding on me, my spouse, my heirs, my personal representatives, my assigns, my children and guardian ad litem for said children.

I understand and agree that by signing this release, I am to release, indemnify and hold the State of South Carolina and its agency the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources, and its officers, agents, or employees and cooperating hosts, sponsors and landowners harmless from any and all liability or costs, including attorney fees, associated with or arising from my participation in the draw hunt.

Applicant Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Emergency Contact: _____ **Telephone:** _____

Parent or Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Talent Release Form

I hereby authorize the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR) to use the likeness, voice and/or image of _____ in the

Meadwestvaco-Walworth Youth Deer Hunt. Such authorization allows the SCDNR the right to re-record onto videotape and/or audiotape the name, the likeness and the voice of the person named above. I further authorize others as designated by the SCDNR to use the likeness, voice and/or image of _____ in radio and television broadcasts, for audiovisual information, and for educational and entertainment purposes, throughout South Carolina, the United States, and the world. The South Carolina Department of Natural Resources is hereby authorized to use in perpetuity and at its discretion the images containing the described individual. It is understood that other agencies and organizations will be permitted to use this program only with the permission of the SCDNR.